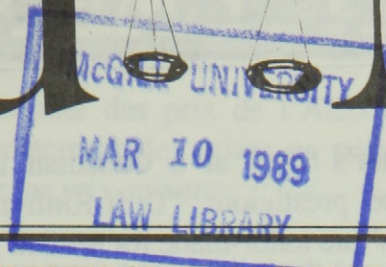


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Standing Ovation for Wallenberg Lecturer

by Franca Ciambella and Viresh Fernando,
LL. B. I

International lawyer, historian and Auschwitz survivor, Samuel Pisar brought to its feet the audience that packed the Moot Court for the Second Annual Raoul Wallenberg Lecture with his concluding words, "One man can make a difference."

In an emotional and inspiring speech that dealt with several issues surrounding the international protection of human rights, Pisar acknowledged the almost superhuman efforts of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallemborg (in whose honour the Lectureship was created) in saving thousands of Jews from certain death in Nazi concentration camps.

The Lectureship which was jointly organized by the McGill Faculty of Law and the human rights organization InterAmicus drew a standing room only crowd that included representatives from the Quebec Bar, the Montreal ethnic communities, federal and provincial governments, international human rights organizations as well as larger McGill community.

Commencing his address, Pisar stated that to the inmates of Auschwitz, Canada symbolized the ultimate paradise of their dreams and was the land of milk and honey. Despite Canada's policy of not allowing Jews into the country, Pisar continued to characterize Canada as a great world champion in the fight for human rights.

Invited to speak not only as a lawyer, but also as a survivor, Pisar feels it is a duty and a necessity to speak for those who no longer can. He stated that "although there are no apparent physical or psychological scars, little within me resembles the typical man of affairs which I have become in my re-incarnation." Pisar instead resorts to the voice of the thirteen year old boy who saw life in Poland - in Europe's greatest inferno of Auschwitz where Eichmann's reality eclipsed Dante's imaginary vision of hell.

Pisar spoke as one of the few remaining survivors who are old in age and are one by one disappearing. As a result, history will speak at best with the voice of scholars and historical researchers. Very soon there will be no one to stand up to the malevolent voice of demagogues, revisionists and falsifiers who claim the Holocaust was a hoax. Pisar

responded to the suggestion that the Holocaust is a hoax with the rhetorical question - "where then is my mother, my father, my sisters, grandparents and 500 schoolmates of whom I am the sole survivor. Have they vanished by black magic?" It is important to document the record not only as a remembrance of the dead, but also for the sake of the living, to ensure the demons from the past never return again.

As a justification for writing the 1980 bestseller, *Of Blood and Hope*, Pisar asserted that the Holocaust is no longer just a lamentation, but a source of insight which energizes us to deal with the dangers lying ahead. Pisar said that the Magna Carta, the Bill of Rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which outline fundamental human freedoms are not idle

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Quid Novi : Sang Neuf Demandé

Eh oui! Le *Quid Novi* a besoin de sang neuf pour continuer à faire circuler l'information au cœur de la Faculté. Une nouvelle équipe doit être formée pour perpétuer la tradition journalistique et prendre la place de ceux qui s'en vont (hélas! enfin!). Plusieurs positions doivent être remplies, le travail et les défis ne manquent pas. Viens en discuter avec l'équipe du *Quid Novi* si l'expérience t'intéresse.

It is the time of year when the *Quid Novi* needs a little new blood in order to keep news and information circulating within the Faculty. Those staff who are departing ("Alas!" "Finally!") must be replaced if the journalistic tradition is to be carried on. A number of positions must be filled - challenges and hard work are not in short supply. Talk to someone from the staff of the *Quid* if you are interested.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judicial Clerkships, Appeal Division of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

The Appeal division of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia is currently recruiting law clerks for the period of August 1, 1989 to July 31, 1990. The salary is \$24,000 for the year, and the deadline for applications is May, 1 1989. See Associate Dean Jutras for further details.

Byers Casgrain

All second year law students:

We are recruiting stagiaires for the 1991 articling period. Should you be interested to article with our firm, we would ask that you remit to Ms. Sharon Kuzminski, Assistant Admissions Office, to the attention of the undersigned, your curriculum vitae and your university results, before 4:00 P.M. on March 7, 1989.

Our recruiting committee will review all applications submitted and will proceed to interview as many candidates as possible at McGill on March 9, 1989. We also welcome applications from second year students currently enrolled in the National Program or who are considering this option, even though those students will only become stagiaires in 1992.

Nicolas Beaudin

Wednesday, March 15
DEAN'S HOT SEAT
Moot Court - Noon

WELFARE RIGHTS

All students interested in doing legal research (on a voluntary basis) on the current changes to Quebec's welfare system, please see Prof. Webber (398-4451). The research will be used in submissions to government on behalf of welfare recipients, and in the education of welfare recipients on their rights under the new system.

Money for Graduate Study in Law

The Canadian government is offering six scholarships of \$14,100 each for study at the

Master's level at a Canadian university. These prestigious "Duff-Rinfret Scholarships" are tailor-made for McGill graduates, since they are designed to support studies involving civil law/common law comparisons or topics within federal legislative jurisdiction. They are well worth applying for. The deadline for applications is very soon. If interested, contact Prof. Webber (398-4451) without delay.

Transfer Opportunity

François Hébert, Université d'Ottawa, (613) 231-7709, (514) 739-8309. Intéressé à transférer à Montréal pour le Barreau.

Law Journal

Law Students of All Years:

Your copy of issue 34:1 of the **McGill Law Journal** awaits you at Sadies.

A tous les étudiant(e)s de droit:

Votre exemplaire de numéro 34:1 de la **Revue de droit de McGill** vous attend chez Sadies.

LSA News

The LSA has just received 50 registration kits for the CBA (Quebec Division) annual convention, which will be held in Montreal on April 7. This convention will feature a series of workshops and lectures. Registration is free of charge for CBA student members. Thanks to Charette, Fortier, Hawey, Touche, Ross. Kits are available from Pierre Larouche in the LSA/A.E.D. office and on a first-come, first-served basis.

L'A.E.D. vient de recevoir 50 formulaires d'inscription au congrès annuel de l'A.B.C.-Québec qui aura lieu à Montréal le 7 avril prochain. Ce congrès comprend des conférences et des ateliers. Les membres étudiants de l'ABC peuvent y assister gratuitement grâce à la générosité de Charette, Fortier, Hawey, Touche, Ross. Les formulaires sont disponibles auprès de Pierre La-

rouche au bureau de l'A.E.D. Premier arrivé, premier servi.

Law Students Association Elections

ALL CANDIDATES FORUM: On Wednesday, March 8, 1989 at 12:00 noon, an all candidates forum will be held in Room 101, New Chancellor Day Hall. Candidates for the various LSA positions will outline their platforms to the members of the association (eg. the rest of us).

Votes will be cast Thursday, March 9, 1989.

R. Swan - Chief Electoral Officer.

Balderdash

CBC Montreal "Newswatch" television personality Dennis Trudeau, CHOM FM's Terry Demonte and Cindy Aikman as well as McGill's own constitutional expert Stephen Scott will square off against each other in a live version of the wacky definition game "Balderdash".

The game will take place this Wednesday March 8th at noon in the Moot Court. This is a warm up for Skit Nite which takes place the following week. The admission charge of \$1 will be donated to the Skit Nite charities, i.e. The Old Brewery Mission and Chez Doris. This event is brought to you by DELTA THETA PHI law fraternity.

The object of the game will be for the panelists to invent definitions for off-beat English words. They will then try to convince the audience that their definitions are correct. In other words they will lie. The audience will then participate by voting for what they think is the correct definition. See you there.

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LSA AWARDS / PRIX DE L'AED

The LSA Awards Committee is now taking nominations for the following awards:]

1. Alan Neil Assh Awards (sports)

The Alan Neil Assh Awards shall be awarded to any student, up to a maximum of four, who has contributed to sporting endeavours of the law faculty during the year.

2. Participation Awards

Participation Awards shall be awarded to any student, up to a maximum of six, who has contributed to the Faculty community through participation in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities during the year.

3. Law Students Association Awards (graduation)

The Law Students Association Award may be awarded annually, to a maximum of four students in their graduating year, who have made outstanding contributions to the life of the Faculty over their three or four years.

Recipients of this Award shall be ineligible for the Alan Neil Assh Awards and the Participation Awards.

Rules and Explanations

The Awards Committee, consisting of the Social Coordinator, the Athletic Coordinator and the seven Class Presidents (and the Dean for graduation awards), will designate the recipients of the awards according to the guidelines for each award. Nomination forms are available in the LSA office.

Nomination forms should be placed in sealed envelopes and placed in the "LSA Committees" box in the LSA office.

The nomination period ends Friday, March 17 at noon.

The names of the recipients of the awards will be publicised by March 31.

For more information, contact Dimitri Mastrocola, Anthony Fata or any of the Class Presidents.

Le comité des prix de l'AED accepte présentement des mises en nomination pour les prix suivants:

1. Les prix Alan Neil Assh (sportifs)

Les prix Alan Neil Assh sont décernés annuellement à tout étudiant jusqu'à concurrence de quatre, qui a contribué à la vie sportive de la Faculté durant l'année.

2. Les prix de participation

Les prix de participation sont décernés annuellement à tout étudiant, jusqu'à con-

currence de six, qui a contribué à la vie étudiante de la Faculté par sa participation à des activités para- et périscolaires durant l'année.

3. Les prix de l'Association des étudiants et étudiantes en droit (finissants)

Les prix de l'Association des étudiants et étudiantes en droit sont décernés annuellement à tout finissant, jusqu'à concurrence de quatre, qui a contribué exceptionnellement à la vie de la Faculté durant son séjour de trois ou

suite à la p.12

Mid-Term Course Evaluations? Useful or Not?

by Dean R. Macdonald

The results of the first-term course evaluations have now been placed on reserve in the library. You will note that the Faculty average for most questions is situated between 3.6 and 3.9 on a 5-point scale. It is also worth observing that the scores of full-time Faculty members are significantly higher on average than those of sessional lecturers.

While these formal course evaluations are extremely important in Faculty promotions and tenure decisions as well as in assisting professors to restructure their courses or teaching methods for subsequent years, there are many aspects of the evaluation process which could be of assistance to professors while they are currently teaching courses. For example, observations relating to voice projection, use of the blackboard, summaries, periodic reviews, availability outside class and so on are of immediate use to professors. Yet these are not normally communicated to professors until course evaluations which are received only after the marks meeting in January or May as the case may be.

In view of this, it occurs to me that the Faculty might contemplate an informal

in-term course evaluations so that professors would be able to make adjustments to their teaching methods on the basis of comments offered by students during the course of the semester. This is particularly important in larger classes where informal feedback outside class hours is more difficult. Certainly, in seminar classes, one expects professors to be up on the difficulties all students may have, but in classes of seventy, eighty or ninety, informal feedback from a mid-term evaluation may be important.

For this reason, I write to solicit opinions from readers of the *Quid Novi* whether an informal and anonymous system of in-term evaluations intended not so much as a survey of teaching as an institutionalized form for feedback to professors might be one way of making such improvements.

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Wine, Women and Song

Women in the Law would like to invite everyone to an afternoon of wine, women and song in celebration of International Women's Day. This wine and cheese will be held in the Common Room on Wednesday March 8 from 3:00 until 6:00. Pre- and post-feminists welcome too!

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Calendar of Events

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| Mar. 8 12h00 | All Candidates Forum.
Room 101 Chancellor Day Hall |
| Mar. 8 12h00 - 14h00 | Balderdash - The Live Version
Presented by Delta Theta Phi
Moot Court |
| Mar. 8 12h30 | Annie Macdonald Langstaff Workshop
Judge Rosalie Silberman Abella
"Making A Difference: Women in Law"
[N.B. Note change of date.]
Room 202, Chancellor Day Hall |
| Mar. 8 15h00 - 18h00 | International Women's Day
Women in the Law Wine and Cheese All welcome. |
| Mar. 9 10h00 - 12h00
14h00 - 16h00 | Chaussures Brown and Singer Revisited:
The Judgments and Beyond
Presented by the McGill Faculty of Law and InterAmicus
Moot Court |
| Mar. 9 | LSA Elections - Chancellor Day Hall |
| Mar. 9 19h00 - 23h00 | LSR and Skit Nite Coffeehouse
Live Talent, Baked Goods, and Drinks!
Come one, come all Common Room, OCDH |
| Mar. 10 12h00 | Legal Theory Workshop
"Feminism, Critical Social Theory and Law"
Robin West (Maryland)
Room 202, Chancellor Day Hall |
| Mar. 15 12h00 | Dean's Hot Seat Moot Court |
| Mar 15 18h30 | Beatty Memorial Public Lecture
"Nationalism, Cultural Pluralism and the State"
Sally Falk Moore (Harvard)
Room 132, Leacock |
| Mar. 17 12h00 | End of nomination period for LSA awards. |
| Mar. 17 12h00 | Legal Theory Workshop
"The Construction of Customary Law
Sally Falk Moore (Harvard)
Room 202, Chancellor Day Hall |

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instruments. To a member of a group whose blood was perceived by others to be tainted, basic human rights were luxuries when they did not even have the right to live. For example, the right to equal treatment meant

only an equal right to die. The right to nourishment corresponded with the right to starvation. The right to health care resulted in visit with Dr. Mengele, the Angel of Death, and to be used as a guinea pig in an experiment.

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Justice et efficacité

by Jeanne Cadorette, LL.B IV

A l'occasion de sa cinquième conférence annuelle la Revue de droit de McGill recevait comme conférencier l'ancien juge de la Cour Suprême du Canada, l'honorable Willard Z. Estey. Juge au plus haut tribunal du pays de 1977 à 1988, le juge Estey s'était surtout spécialisé en droit commercial et corporatif et son intérêt pour le sujet ne s'est pas éteint puisqu'il occupe maintenant des postes aux conseils d'administration de plusieurs entreprises. De plus, le juge Estey participera à l'analyse du contentieux créé par l'application du traité de libre-échange canado-américain.

Pour avoir siégé à la Cour Suprême pendant onze ans le juge Estey connaît bien ses rouages et peut anticiper le rôle que celle-ci devra jouer dans les années 90.

Un dilemme se pose à la plus haute cour du pays: doit-elle être composée de spécialistes ou de généralistes? Et de toute façon comment un tribunal composé de neuf juges peut-il connaître toutes les spécialisations du droit moderne? Pour l'honorable juge Estey, la solution serait un tribunal composé de juges ayant un solide bagage juridique général et un respect de l'expertise et donc de la compétence des tribunaux administratifs.

Selon le juge Estey, certains principes importants doivent être respectés dans l'ensemble du système judiciaire canadien. La justice canadienne doit être équitable, accessible et rendue avec diligence. Elle doit être juste même au risque de paraître inefficace car les droits des accusés doivent être respectés. La justice doit aussi devenir plus accessible car les coûts sont souvent faramineux pour les individus alors que les compagnies peuvent déduire de leur revenus les dépenses encourues pour le litige. Tous les niveaux d'appel disponibles deviennent une forme de tyrannie avantageant certaines parties au litige. Justice doit aussi être rendue de façon diligente car de trop longues procédures risquent de désavantager le citoyen de classe moyenne. C'est donc tout le système judiciaire canadien qui doit se mettre à l'écoute de

ces préoccupations d'efficacité et d'accessibilité.

Pour le juge Estey la Cour Suprême du Canada doit, comme cour de dernier appel, assurer l'uniformité du système judiciaire canadien. Elle devrait, selon lui, mettre l'accent sur les questions constitutionnelles et laisser aux tribunaux qui la précèdent dans la hiérarchie judiciaire, la résolution des

problèmes ne touchant pas à l'unité politique et l'uniformité judiciaire du pays.

L'ancien juge de la Cour Suprême a donc su, avec tout le sens de l'humour qui le caractérise, mettre en lumière les bouleversements qui toucheront le plus haut tribunal du pays dans un avenir rapproché et les défis qui s'offrent à ceux qui connaîtront tous ces changements.

"Murder by Night"

by Philip R. Pike, B.C.L. III

Last summer in Toronto, a Canadian jury, for the first time, accepted the old "I-clubbed-and-stabbed-my-mother-in-law-to-death-while-I-was-sleepwalking" defence and acquitted Kenneth James Parks of murder. The lawyer who was able to convince the jury is Marlys Edwardh, one of the bright light on the Canadian legal scene.

On the night of May 24th, 1987, Kenneth Parks, his hands still dripping with blood, turned himself in to police without any knowledge of what he had done, all he knew was that he was in shock. What Parks had done was to drive to his in-laws in Scarborough and kill his mother-in-law by hitting her

with a tie iron and stabbing her four times, once through the heart. While he was at it, he also choked and stabbed his father-in-law. (For which he still faces a charge of attempted murder).

Edwardh decided to argue the sleepwalking defence rather than go for the easier insanity defence. She developed the sleepwalking hypothesis because in relating his experience Parks would say things like, "Then I woke up and saw her face."

At trial Edwardh called a psychiatrist who testified that Parks was sleeping at the time. But probably the most unique and helpful testimony came from Parks' grandmother

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Bar/Bri -

New York Bar Review Program

Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia define only the limits of your imagination, not the possibilities available to you as a law school graduate. Alternatives do exist outside of Canada, and New York is one of the more attractive of these. Bar/Bri offers the most extensive of all the bar preparatory courses in New York, as well as offering preparatory courses for bar exams in most other states.

Being a member of the New York Bar also has attractive advantages for the student who is not necessarily interested in practicing law, either in Canada or in the States. If you are considering working abroad, being a member of the New York Bar carries considerable weight with overseas companies.

All those interested in either writing the New York Bar, or simply in obtaining more information, are asked to contact Joani Tannenbaum at 989-1529 for details.

Letters to the *Quid Novi*

A lot has been said and written about McGill Law School's alleged predilection for the abstruse and the abstract. Rumour even has it that a legal education at McGill is as relevant to the practice of Law as Euclid to Dolly Parton. I beg to differ. Even the most perfunctory observer will realize how eminently practical is the training dispensed in the classrooms of New Chancellor Day Hall. Take "make-up" classes, for example. Law School holds so many make-up classes that the Institut de beauté Lise Watier is seriously considering offering a Beautician's Certificate to any McGill graduate tendering a B.C.L. or an LL.B. Or take the Moot Court. What could be more problem-oriented than trying to fit 140 students into the first two rows of a gloomy amphitheatre so they can read a chalkboard located two postal zones away? But that's not all! What better training for the would-be real estate lawyer than having to lip-read your way through the medieval aberrations of Common Law Property? What more formative training for the Rambo of Remedies, the Conan of Contracts, the Tyson of Torts, than having to compete against 60 other students for three library books? If gamesmanship is the operative word in the cut and thrust of your average law firm, what better place to start than with jungle combat in the Law Library? These are not air-fairy scholastic exercises. These are supremely utilitarian skills which no hawk-eyed, hard-nosed (ruthless, insensitive) lawyer can be without. So the next time someone disparages our legal education, remember: we will have survived a 4-year training programme that would make boot camp look like a Saskatchewan Mennonite Women's quilting bee.

Practically yours,
William Boulet, B.C.L. II

With reference to the article by Ali Argun concerning the 1988 Law Skit Nite, I wish to register my disappointment. In my opinion, the remarks made by the worker from Chez Doris upon receipt of the wonderful cheque for \$4000.00 were entirely appropriate. She was very gracious in her thanks and inspired in her remonstrance that the problems of the

women Chez Doris shelters are anything but temporary. They cannot be solved by a one-shot monetary donation, no matter how generous. The consciences of such enlightened professionals as presumably will be graduated by the law faculty at McGill could however represent a powerful force for social change. Mr. Argun completely missed the point and I am saddened that he feels the efforts of the hardworking students (and why shouldn't strong, privileged, young people exert themselves on behalf of those less fortunate?) were not sufficiently appreciated and takes umbrage at a sober, sincere attempt to enlighten those present. I hope Mr. Argun represents a distinct minority.

Sincerely,
Mary Cowans.

I wish to comment on recent statements made in the *Quid* concerning the struggle to preserve French culture. I am not a Francophone but I have lived in Quebec all of my life. Of course, I speak for no one but myself. I hope my comments do not offend anyone; that is not my intention.

There was a period, not too long before most of us were born, when a french-speaking person shopping downtown could not even be served without some proficiency in the English language. French Quebecers, a majority in this province, were often treated like second class citizens by an elitist English minority who held most of the reigns of

power and exerted an overwhelming degree of social control. French Quebecers, without a doubt, did not share a common culture or heritage with these people.

Still, there was little the French majority could do - education was a bastion for the English and it facilitated years of domination in this province. French Quebecers struggled to assert their own goals and aspirations. Today, Francophones are educated and they are anxious to let it be known that they too have a right to exert who they are and what they believe.

In my opinion, Premier Bourassa's decision to overrule the Supreme Court's decision concerning Bill 101 and implementation of Bill 178 was a mistake. Unquestionably, it denies the rights of a substantial English minority in Quebec. As my colleague George Athipap has said, it "does not uphold the spirit of what the Constitution speaks to". However, it is not important to remember that there was a time in Quebec's history when massive English and North American influences threatened to permanently disable French culture? English-speaking Quebecers may not be able to condone what is presently happening in Quebec, but can we not try to understand it?

Perhaps it is all up to our French-speaking brothers and sisters to be wiser than our English-speaking ancestors and voluntarily allow the pendulum to swing more towards the middle for the first time in Quebec's history. Without trying to destroy or dominate one another, someday we may see an era where both cultures feel secure enough to live side by side. Life in Quebec is an enriching experience that can make one's upbringing both memorable and unique. To think that our children may one day be deprived of such an experience is saddening. Indeed, it would be difficult to conceive of the impact we could have on the world if we could somehow harness the energy we are uselessly expending toward one another and pointed it outwardly instead.

Zino I. Macaluso, B.C.L. II

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MATERNITY LEAVE: a favour or a right?

by Johanne Poirier, B.C.L. II

Last summer the Placement office sent a questionnaire to most major law firms in Canada. One of the questions asked concerned the firms' maternity leave policy (parental leave policies are still a long way coming...). I compiled the answers received from the Montreal firms who returned the questionnaire. Out of 24 replies, 6 indicated that a maternity policy was in place; 11 had no policy and 7 gave ambiguous answers.

Now, all firms in Montreal must respect the Loi sur les Normes du Travail, which stipulates that an employee is entitled to 17 weeks leave. Unemployment Insurance is available to employees on maternity leave. It covers 60% of the employee's salary for 15 weeks to a maximum of \$363 in 1989. A "no policy" reply thus means that the firm does not offer more than the statutory requirements.

The ambiguous category was the solution to my puzzlement. Hence a firm responded that its policy is "competitive with major downtown firms". This is interesting, given that the majority of such firms do not have such a policy. Another firm replied: "yes, on a required basis". That too is nicely ambiguous: of course one will only ask for a maternity leave when it is required. The answer rather seems to indicate that one can negotiate. But what kind of bargaining power does a young employee have? At the age many of us enter the workforce (late twenties, early thirties) we do not have many years to wait, to make ourselves indispensable to an employer, to gain some bargaining power. Many of us do not feel that the first few years of employment are not the best in which to ask for a "favour".

The set policies range from extended unpaid leaves to the payment of the difference between 95% of the salary and the 60% paid by IUC.

The firms that have a set maternity leave policy have shown leadership. They realize that maternity leaves are - like salary, pen-

sion plans and holidays- a normal component of an employment contract. They also simply show mere lucidity: with 50% female students in Law schools, the workforce had better come to terms with basic facts of biology.

Most students are very cautious about raising the question of parental policy leave during an interview. Most will simply hope that by the time baby comes they will be sufficiently integrated in the firm to be able to negotiate a reasonable arrangement. If a woman becomes pregnant before that she can always quit, can't she? In the alternative a large number of women have turned to the public

sector where policies are fair (some would say generous, I guess) and well established. During Careers' Day, I talked to representatives of the Department of Justice who confirmed that employees are entitled to 4 1/2 months leave with 93% of pay and a 6 year unpaid parental leave. Their office in Montreal employs around 70% women. Tirez vos propres conclusions...

The detailed results of the survey (containing also information as to the ratio of male/female lawyers; salaries; expected billable hours; specialisations etc...) is available at the Placement Office.

The Reaganomics of Love: A Political Cartoon

by David A. Wallbridge, LL. B. II

*There's something happening here...
I said stop baby
What's that sound?
Everybody look what
Going 'round...
- Buffalo Springfield.*

In a land not so far away a political era has apparently ended. It's morning in America...

Nancy: Wake up!

Ron: Uh?

Nancy: Party's over. You're not President anymore.

Ron: You can run but you can't hide Ayatollah!

Nancy: Hey! It's me - Nancy.

Ron: Make my day!

Nancy: Make the bed! It's me Nancy. Snap out of it.

Ron: Uh? Gees. Eight years later I'm beginning to believe this stuff myself.

Nancy: Ron, don't sweat it. The world needed theatre - comedy that is, not tragedy. And we sure gave it to them.

Ron: Sometimes I wonder...

Nancy: About what? Look Ron, you were perfect. What the world doesn't want to know won't hurt them.

Ron: But I've been thinking...

Nancy: For God's sake, don't do that!

Ron: Where's the magic? You know, the great democratic dialectic...

Nancy: Ron, the Reagan years are about R.E.M. sleep. So just 'fait do-do, Ronald mon petit frere'. And if you shut your eyes real tight, and click your heels together we can all go to Kansas!

Ron: But what would Descartes think? And Kant sure wouldn't be pleased.

Nancy: In 1989 they wouldn't get elected.

Ron: Is all this ... historically inevitable?

Nancy: Yep.

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Skit Nite

Finally! Skit Nite "Laws Vegas" style
Thursday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.
in the Union Ballroom, 3480 McTavish.

Nous espérons répéter l'exploit de l'an dernier de tenir un spectacle à guichets fermés puisque le prix est toujours de \$6.00. Tickets go on sale Tuesday, March 7 in the pit and from Tom's roving band of ticket sellers. Depending on advance sales, tickets may be available at the door. Help us continue our sell-out tradition.

Also! Skit Nite t-shirts have arrived.

Imported directly from Ville St-Pierre, these t-shirts are 100% cotton, with both a front and back design created by one of Montreal's leading graphic artists (all right, we only know one graphic artist). There are only a limited number of t-shirts available, in both large and x-large sizes. Les recettes de la vente des t-shirts et des billets serviront à payer les coûts de production donc tout l'argent amassé sera directement versé aux organismes. T-shirts will be sold daily in the Pit and if available, on the night of the show. Aidez-nous à aider les autres et procurez-vous un souvenir de cette mémorable soirée.

Laws Vegas Casino in OCDH

The Faculty of Law Skit Nite Committee and LSR have joined forces to bring you an evening to remember. On **Thursday, March 9**, the Common Room will be turned into **Seisins Palace, Laws Vegas**. There will be games, entertainment, food and beverages and a few surprises. come on out and help us celebrate the spirit of the Faculty: Justice with a role fo the dice. All proceeds to be donated to Harvest Montrea, Chez Doris and the Old Brewery Mission.

The Computer Fee Assessment Referendum

The L.S.A. Computer Committee is seeking a five dollar (\$5.00) per term fee assessment to support the cost of supplies and maintenance of the computer facilities on the Library's fourth floor. We plan to do away with the "User Card" system, and to allow all undergraduate law students access to all of our services at all times. We have already collected over 150 signatures in support of our proposition. We need this secure source of income to help cover the increased fixed costs which accompany our ever-expanding system. Our "User Card" system has generated insufficient and uncertain funds over the past two years.

The fee assessment mechanism for providing funds is already in use at McGill. Many common activities at the Faculty are sponsored by student fees. For example, we all pay \$23 per year to the Law Journal in our fees, whether or not we read the final product. Similarly, we pay fees towards the Quid, Legal Aid, and other organizations which make our life here rich and varied. We think that computers should be considered another such "common resource" from which all students can and will benefit. After all, computers are becoming a virtual prerequisite for many jobs in law, and the competitiveness of McGill graduates may depend upon their familiarity with computer systems. With this in mind, we can explain our budgetary needs as follows:

We spend roughly \$5,000 per year. This money is divided up into:

- Supplies (paper/ribbons) - \$1600
- Service Contracts - \$1400
- Repairs - \$ 550
- Extra Laser Cartridges - \$ 480
- Software (Licensing etc.) - \$300
- Accessories (cables, etc) - \$ 500
- Security Equipment - \$ 170

If we are successful in this fee assessment, we will be able to offer first-rate facilities to all of our students. The many imperfections of the "User Card" system will be replaced. For those who use the computers already,

there is a clear saving to be had in this proposal. Moreover, this will represent a big advance for the Faculty as a whole, and will give us the technology to be competitive into the next century.

We believe that our fee assessment proposal is sound and equitable. We encourage you to vote "YES" for computers on March 9th.

- The L.S.A. Computer Committee

VOTE "YES" FOR COMPUTER FEE AS- SESSMENT!

The L.S.A. Computer Committee plans to abolish the "User Card" system that is currently in place for its facilities, and replace it with a flat fee of five dollars per term.

Computers are a fact of life in most areas of law and business. It is extremely important for McGill to offer first-rate facilities to its students, and to encourage their use. The computing facilities in this Faculty have grown from literally nothing four years ago, to their current size - 15 machines, 2 networks and 6 printers - through the generosity of the Dean and through L.S.A. contributions. This quick growth has resulted in new fixed costs, such as service contracts on the machines. The Committee needs a secure source of revenue in the years to come if it is to responsibly manage and maintain the new facilities. The computer "User Card" system is not adequate.

The fee assessment will give all undergraduate law students access to the computers at any time; access to the legal data banks, sophisticated word-processing and graphics programs, and also to the central McGill computing system (MUSIC, etc).

We support this move towards stable funding arrangements for the computers at the Law faculty, and we urge all students to vote

"YES" for the computer fee assessment on March 9th.

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Standing Ovation cont'd from p. 4

"Where else other than from the killing ground of Auschwitz can come the message that the arms race is the most perverse type of economics of death?" questioned Pissar. Nuclear weapons make the unthinkable possible - the annihilation of the human race. To Pissar, man is capable of the worst just as he is capable of the best.

On the issue of a settlement in the Middle East dispute, Pissar proposed that one "look to the historical experience of Jews to understand why it is not easy for Israel to make peace without security." According to him, it is difficult for Israel to rely on a piece of paper, on the expectation that the great powers will run to Israel's rescue. Pissar remarked, "There is no equivalent to Raoul Wallenberg amongst them."

Pissar suggested that the methodology of terrorism scarcely differs from the routines of the ghettos and camps of Europe where shooting to sow panic and fear was the norm. However, Pissar did not go on to discuss if today's terrorism includes either the throwing of stones or the bulldozing of houses.

Pissar concluded that the struggle for human rights cannot be delegated nor should it be confined to a diplomatic conference. He cited the efforts of Martin Luther King Jr., Anatoly Sakharov, Natan Scharansky, Nelson Mandela and Raoul Wallenberg as making a huge difference in an indifferent world.

The Station

by Robert J. Hastings
Submitted by Marie Lussier, LL.B. II

Tucked away in our subconscious is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long trip that spans the continent. We are travelling by train.

Through the windows, we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at a crossing, of cattle grazing on a distant hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plant, or row upon row of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hillsides, of city skylines and village halls.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. Bands will be playing and flags waving.

Once we get there so many wonderful

dreams will come true and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the minutes for loitering - waiting, waiting, waiting for the station.

"When we reach the station, that will be it!" we cry.

"When I'm 18."

"When I buy a new 450SL Mercedes Benz!"

"When I put the last kid through college."

"When I have paid off the mortgage!"

"When I get a promotion."

"When I reach the age of retirement, I shall live happily ever after!"

Sooner or later we must realize there is no station, no one place to arrive at once and for

all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us.

"Relish the moment: is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 188:24: 'This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.'"

It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. It is the regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who rob us of today.

So, stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles.

Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot more often, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more, cry less.

Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough.

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SPEAKER'S CORNER

The Faculty of Law and InterAmicus
invite you to attend a Symposium
"Chaussures Brown and Singer Revisited:
The Judgments and Beyond"
that will take place on Thursday,
March 9, 1989 in the Moot Court Room,
New Chancellor Day Hall.

Panel I: The Lawyers (10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon)
Maîtres Alan Hilton and Harvey Yarosky (for Chaussures Brown)
Professor Yves de Montigny (for A.-G. Québec)
Professor Lorraine Weinrib (for A.-G. Ontario)
Professor Joseph Magnet (invited) (for Singer)

Panel II: The Commentators (2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.)
Professor François Chevrete (Université de Montréal)
Professor Daniel Proulx (Université d'Ottawa)
Maître Gregory Bordan (Ogilvy, Renault)
Professor Stephen Scott (invited) (McGill University)

The aim of this Symposium is to promote thoughtful public discussion of the important constitutional issues addressed in the Supreme Court of Canada judgments.

Reagonomics cont'd from p. 7

Ron: Are you sure?

Nancy: Well, let's just say, it happened this way so why question it? Look. The name of the game is power. Volume. Heavy on the pomp in the right circumstances ...

Ron: Yeah, like orchestras playing Wagner at the Nuremberg Rally! But what about Truth and Idealism, - intellectual skepticism?

Nancy: Tell someone what they want to hear. That's truth, Ron. Appeal to a basic emotional instinct. That's idealism. And hey, skeptics don't get invited to cocktail parties.

Ron: Yeah, but if we don't mean what we mean, when do we mean what we mean? You know we affected people ...

Nancy: Meaning?

Ron: Well, why do we do what we do?

Nancy: It's a good job. Lots of fringe benefits.

Ron: That's it?

Nancy: Yep.

Ron: What about the people?

Nancy: I beg your pardon?

Ron: What about poverty, the homeless, decent medical care, unemployment...

Nancy: Holy cow, Ron! You managed not to mention any of those cuss words in the last eight years. What the heck has gotten into you?

[Aside] Must have been that Steak Tartar. I'll fire the chef.

[Pause]

Ron: I had a dream...

The End

Murder by night cont'd from p. 5

who testified that his grandfather had a habit of cooking food and making tea while sound asleep!

The jury bought it!

Marlys Edwardh has been associated with quite a few well-publicized cases recently including that of Mahmoud Mohammad Issa Mohammad, the convicted Palestinian terrorist accused of entering Canada illegally; Ronald Marshall, the Nova Scotia native Indian wrongly convicted of murdering his best friend; and the Armenian who shot at a Turkish diplomat in Ottawa. Her's is definitely a name to watch for.

Prix de l'A.E.D.
suite de la p. 3
quatre ans.

Les récipiendaires de ces prix ne sont pas éligibles aux prix Alan Neil Assh et de participation.

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des activités sociales, du coordonnateur des activités sportives et des sept président(e)s de classe (et du Doyen pour les prix des finissants) choisira les récipiendaires des prix selon les critères de chaque prix.

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dans la boîte "LSA Committees".

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-Les noms des récipiendaires des prix seront rendus publics le ou avant le 31 mars.

Pour renseignements supplémentaires contactez Dimitri Mastrocola, Anthony Fata ou tout(e) président(e)s de classe.

NOTES

Get working!! Start writing down those nomination ideas.